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TO: State Agency Review Team January 27, 2000

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SUBJECT: **Draft Comments on the US Department of Energy's Draft EIS for a
Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, NV**

Thanks to all of you for your time and effort in providing comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository. This was a very successful effort in that we had 12 California agencies reviewing and providing comments on the DEIS. Your comments were thoughtful, well reasoned, and represent the high level of collective expertise and experience of our interagency group.

I have attempted to consolidate the individual state agency comments on the DEIS into one set of comments, which is attached for your review. This is my first draft for review and I apologize in advance for any technical inaccuracies or oversights. Please review this draft and e-mail any suggested changes to me, as soon as possible. We are still working toward a deadline of submitting comments to DOE by Feb. 9.

The detailed comments on the DEIS by the California water quality agencies, Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation will be attached. The individual transportation agencies' comments, as was decided at our meeting, will not be attached, except for Caltrans, per their request. If you would like copies of these individual agency's comments, please let me know.

Barbara